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REF: DIAXX-2, 9228 SEPTEMBER 1968, (KN 8107)
SUBJECT: BUMPY ACTION EVALUATION MISSION Q224 OF 16 AUGUST AND Q225 OF 12 AUGUST.

1. BACKGROUND: PREVIOUS EVALUATIONS OF BUMPY ACTION MISSIONS INDICATED A PECULIAR VEILING ATTRIBUTED TO DEPOSITS ON THE CAMERA OPTICS OR VEHICLE WINDOWS. THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER SUSPECTED THE DEPOSIT WAS ORIGINATING IN THE ENGINE PRESSURE SYSTEM AND INSTALLED A FILTER TO MINIMIZE THE PROBLEM. THE SUBJECT MISSIONS WERE FLOWN AND THE NEGATIVES FORWARDED TO DETERMINE IF THE VEILING IS LESS SEVERE AND IF THERE IS AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE IMAGERY.

2. EXTENSIVE CLOUD COVER (95 PERCENT) PRECLUDES A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION. HOWEVER, SUFFICIENT GROUND IMAGERY WAS OBTAINED TO DETERMINE THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN IMAGE QUALITY. THE VEILING IS STILL PRESENT AND THERE IS NO IMPROVEMENT IN THE IMAGERY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS ARE BEING INCORPORATED. NPIC WILL REVIEW THE PRODUCTS FROM THESE MISSIONS WHEN REQUESTED.

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